

# **Agness – Illahe Road Construction**

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*This project is located approximately 30 miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon. This project consists of a complete highway reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of roadway. The project begins at the intersection of Curry County Road Number 375 and Forest Service Road 33 and continues along the Rogue River to Foster Bar. This work will consist of mechanically stabilized earth walls, rock buttresses, rockery walls, drainage structures, guardrail, and paving. When finished there will be one full lane with many new turnouts and viewpoints, which will improve traffic flow along the river. October 2002 the Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$4.34 million contract to Roy E. Ladd Construction of Redding, California. The completion date for this project is October 2003.*

*During the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>, construction activities will be slowed. Weather and permits have created delays in the construction activities. This weeks work, as weather allows, will create up to 1 hour traffic delays between the hours of 7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday as Ladd will be placing additional construction signs and working on roadway excavation. Coos-Curry Electric Coop will also be removing the utilities in the center portion of the project. The road will be open at the top of the hour for traffic on days of construction activities. There are small signs at each end of the project, which will notify you on days of no construction delays.*

**ROAD CLOSURES HAVE BEEN DELAYED AND RE-SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**  
*Beginning May 5<sup>th</sup>, traffic delays will be significant. It is at this time that Ladd Construction will start to excavate for the major retaining walls for the project. This work will require the need to close the roadway while mass excavation occurs. This will pose the following schedule: 1 hour delays Monday 7:00am to 5:00pm, Road Closed 8:00am Tuesday to 5:00pm Thursday, 1 hour delays Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm with no weekend work. This schedule will continue until these retaining walls are complete. While the road is closed there will be a clearly signed detour route to Foster Bar.*

*Due to safety concerns the Forest Service Illahe Campground located in the middle of the project is closed to the public until completion of the project.*

*Federal Highway has a web page that this and all future newsletters, maps, and project photos will be posted at. The easy web address pointer is [www.agness-road.org](http://www.agness-road.org).*

*All problems, concerns, and questions should be directed to the Federal Highway Administration's Project Engineer currently located in Gold Beach, OR:*

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